(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a separate Export Finance Corporation for agricultural products; and

(c) if so, what are the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) A Statement is attached.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Steps being taken to increase the export of agricultural items from India include the following:

(1) Publicity through Indian Missions abroad;

(2) Participation in international exhibitions abroad by exporters of various agricultural items or their representatives;

(3) Efforts for removal/reduction of levies in India and in the importing countries in order to make Indian agricultural items more competitive in the world markets;

(4) Delegation of exporters to principal importing countries for establishing and maintaining contacts etc. with prominent importers abroad;

(5) Provision of export incentives such as REP import licence and CCS.

Cotton purchased by CCI

321. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what quantity of cotton was purchased by the Cotton Corporation of India in different States during the last five years; and

(b) how much quantity was exported; how much was supplied to N.T.C. and what was the profit and loss account on these operations?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The details of Statewise purchase by CCI during the last five years are as under:—

State	Quantity purchased in bales during				
	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
Punjab	94118	157422	169191	159774	143000
Haryana	64803	105262	164600	83387	65319
Rajasthan	88803	141347	161184	45591	51044
Gujarat	124729	496571	77143	28299	70020
Madhya Pradesh	116608	208574	135365	133909	88770
Karnataka	39098	100517	3203	9666	48310
Andhra Pradesh	109096	337665	108138	182107	74071
Tamil Nadu	31044	25992	4001	5698	10426
Others	402	282	448	..	342
TOTAL:	668693	1573632	823273	648431	580821

(b) The details of quantity exported and supplied to NTC by CCI and the profit and loss account of these operations are as under:—

(Quantity in lakh bales)

	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
Exports	0·81	1·81	4.78	0·09	0·02
Supplied to N.T.C.	3 85	2·92	4·39	4·64	2·88

Separate profit and loss accounts are not maintained for exports and sales to N.T.C.

Development of Buddhist Centres in Andhra Pradesh

322. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to develop Buddhist Centres in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to get grant-cum-loan from Japan for this purpose and if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) The Department of Tourism had constituted a Task Force for the identification and strengthening of infrastructure at Buddhist Centres in states other than U.P. and Bihar. The Central Department of Tourism have already identified projects for implementation by the State Government and also with the help of the Central assistance and private sector.

(b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted a proposal for seeking assistance from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan to develop Buddhist Centres for tourism. The Government of Japan have clarified that funds for development of Buddhist Centres of other States would be considered only after the completion of the projects undertaken in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Irrigation projects received from Andhra Pradesh pending clearance

323. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI :
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the irrigation projects received from Andhra Pradesh which are still pending with the Central Government for clearance and since when these are pending ; and

(b) what are the reasons for not clearing these projects so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA) : (a) and (b) Out of the 3 major and 6 medium irrigation projects received at the Centre from 1979 to 1989 one major project, namely, Jurala Project, has been techno-economically appraised in April, 1988 and requires environmental and forest clearance to be obtained by the State Government. The other two major pro-